

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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April 14, 2003

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7099 3400 0016 8896 2420

Lon Thomas Star Stone Quarries, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Re: <u>Division Directive</u>, Star Stone Quarries Inc, Torrey (AM Stone 100 & 101) Quarry, S/055/016, Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This letter is sent to formally notify you that your Torrey (AM Stone 100&101) Quarry is not in compliance with sections of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act 40-8-1 et. seq. (the "Act"), and the Minerals Reclamation Program Administrative Rules, portions of Sections R647-1 through R647-5.

On September 20, 2002 and again on March 17, 2003, the Division conducted an inspection of the Torrey (AM Stone 100&101) Quarry (inspection memos enclosed). During the September 20, 2002 inspection, a GPS survey was performed of the surface disturbance associated with this operation. The surface disturbance was measured at seven (7) acres.

On February 25, 2003, a meeting was held with you and Beverly Thomas at the Division offices to discuss the results of our September 2002 GPS survey. You disagreed with our measurements and agreed to meet Tom Munson onsite on March 17<sup>th</sup> to evaluate the onsite conditions. The following observations and understandings resulted from that inspection:

- 1. You agreed that the site disturbance exceeded five (5) acres and that you wanted to apply for a large mine permit to allow for continued expansion of the operation.
- You were advised that a transitional reclamation surety would be required to allow continued mining activity while a large mine permit application was processed.

Accordingly, we issue the following Division Directive:



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## Directive

- 1. Star Stone Quarries, Inc. must *immediately suspend all mining operations and removal of material* from the Torrey (AM Stone 100&101) Quarry until a transitional reclamation surety is received and formally accepted in writing by the Division.
- 2. Star Stone Quarries, Inc. *must submit an acceptable transitional reclamation surety* to the Division in the amount of \$35,000 *within forty-five (45) days of receipt of this letter*. This surety amount is based on the Division's transitional reclamation cost estimate of \$5,000 per acre, for the 7.00 acres of surface disturbance that currently exists at this mine site. A *transitional* Reclamation Contract agreement form is enclosed. Please contact Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291 for a copy of the appropriate reclamation surety form of your choice.
- 3. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of this notice, Star Stone Quarries, Inc. shall clearly mark the perimeter of the existing disturbed area boundary with metal t-posts or other suitable markers.
- 4. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of this notice, Star Stone Quarries, Inc. shall submit a complete Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for this operation (Form MR-LMO is enclosed).

If Star Stone Quarries fails to meet the mitigation requirements within the specified time frames, we will pursue other appropriate enforcement action to resolve this matter.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may contact the Division to schedule an informal meeting before the Division's Associate Director. Please contact Vickie Southwick, Executive Secretary, at (801) 538-5304, within 10 days of your receipt of this notice, if you choose to arrange such a meeting. If you have any questions regarding this Division Directive, you may contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Tom Munson at (801) 538-5321. Thank you for your cooperation and immediate attention to this permitting concern.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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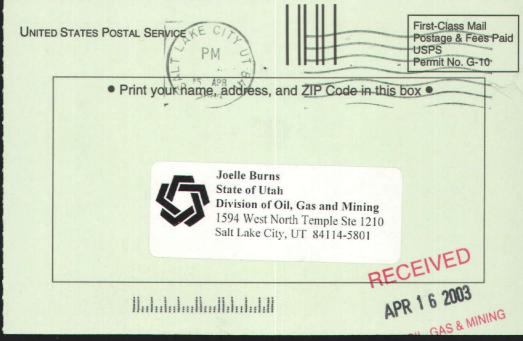
Enclosures: Inspection Memos, GPS Map, LMO Form
Transitional Reclamation Contract Form

Buzz Rakow, BLM, Hanksville FO MaryAnn Wright, DOGM

Vickie Southwick, DOGM

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